



To: Chairs, leaders and members of the Commerce Committee

My name is Michelle Allinson and I am one of the owners at Aerospace Alloys, Inc., a small business with 38 employees, located in Bloomfield, CT. For over 38 years Aerospace Alloys, Inc. has been servicing the Aerospace, Power Generation, Defense, Naval and Medical Industries, by procuring hard to find alloys, manufacturing component parts and providing value added services. We are committed to high quality standards and are ISO 9001 and AS 9100 Certified, as well as Pratt & Whitney LCS Approved.

I am writing to you today to express our company's support for the following bills:

- o SB-854 to ensure high schools get "good grades" from the state for sending kids into manufacturing careers and other training alternatives besides enrolling in college.
- o SB-855 to establish a cabinet-level "secretary of manufacturing" to ensure strategic and state-wide coordination, collaboration and partnership among the many public private and non-profit entities currently acting in "silos" with no one person being responsible for holistic, effective outcomes; and
- o SB-856 to ensure a greater role for the manufacturing community in evaluating the need and effectiveness of state policies and investments in education, technology and other programs designed to help Connecticut manufacturers.

We are hopeful that you will support these bills as the future of our company is dependent on being able to find an educated workforce that can support the unprecedented growth that the Aerospace sector is experiencing and to know that we have a partner in the state that is looking after our interests so we may continue to grow and offer more opportunities in the State of Connecticut.

Respectfully,

Michelle Allinson, Vice President  
Aerospace Alloys, Inc.